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Having Independent Slide Heaters



Art Unit: 1743

Examiner: Brian R. Gordon

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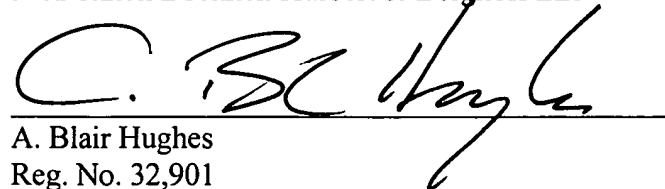
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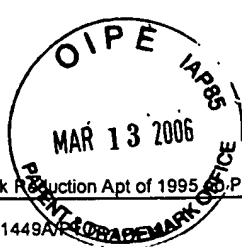
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